



# JOIN THE HELPING PAWS TEAM



Helping Paws is an accredited member of Assistance Dogs International and abides by its standards in training service dogs.



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Opportunities for volunteers

## ATTEND A TRAINING SESSION

You are invited to attend one of the foster home training classes that are held at the Helping Paws training center in Hopkins. These classes are a wonderful way to learn about the foundation of the organization—the training of service dogs.

“People ask us all the time if it will be hard to let the dog go. Sure it will. But our family knows what a big difference it will make in someone’s life.”

Helping Paws service dog foster family



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At Helping Paws, we train service dogs from puppies to adulthood, place them with people who need their service, and offer follow-up attention and care to our client/dog teams. It's an admirable pursuit and one that we couldn't achieve without our volunteers.

They are the heart and soul of Helping Paws. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on our volunteers to realize our mission: to further the independence of individuals with physical disabilities through the use of service dogs.



## Share your time and talents

### IT'S A TREAT TO SERVE

Volunteering with Helping Paws offers you a variety of rewarding opportunities. While helping people achieve their independence you'll be celebrating the human/animal bond.

The benefits of volunteering extend far beyond the good feeling you get from helping others, allowing you to:

- Contribute significantly to the quality of people's lives
- Use your talent and skills
- Learn and use new skills and talents
- Work flexible hours to suit your needs
- Meet new and interesting people
- Make a difference in someone else's life
- Keep active
- Start a tradition—come by yourself, come with your family, or come with a friend or two
- Take on a new challenge
- Share your enthusiasm for a cause or belief
- Be a valued part of a team
- Have fun!

### FOUR-PAWS UP FOR FOSTERING

Fostering a Helping Paws puppy takes commitment, compassion, and a love of dogs—no experience needed! Helping Paws provides foster homes with a Gentle Leader, training pack, crate for training, foster home manual, training lessons, and a caregiver for your dog if you need to travel or have vacation plans.

Fostering a Helping Paws service dog is an enriching, heartwarming experience for you, your family and the dog. Your hearts can be warmed by the knowledge that you are making a tremendous difference in the life of a person with a disability.

At Helping Paws, volunteers are valued members of the team. Put your time, talent and energy into making a difference today.

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### BECOME A VOLUNTEER

All Helping Paws volunteers go through an application and interview process to help ensure your interests and skills are best matched with the current needs within the organization. We want your experience to be fulfilling, productive and fun!

If you are interested in serving in any capacity listed below, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 952-988-9359, extension 11 or visit us online at [www.helpingpaws.org](http://www.helpingpaws.org).

- Foster home
- Committee participation
- Fundraising activities
- Special events planning
- Office administration
- Building maintenance and improvements
- Photography
- Website design and maintenance
- Graphic design and printing of collateral materials
- Board of directors
- Community education program

